

“Happenings”

March 4, 2010

#6 Nora Burleson Almond

The BFRG had it's monthly meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010. It was great to get back together after missing the February meeting because of bad weather. During our meeting we discussed a recent request by the Burleson Family Association in Texas. In one of our Recollection Newsletters they saw a poem written by Nora Burleson Almond and they asked if they could have it read at their annual Board Meeting and Reunion in June 2010. We have gotten permission from Katherine Almond Talbert, Nora's daughter, for the poem to be used.

Below is a portion of a past Recollections Newsletter that we would like to reprint where Nora was honored as teacher. We had a reunion where we listed all teachers, past and present, connected to our Burleson Family.

Nora Blond Burleson Almond

March 22, 1904---February 10, 1977

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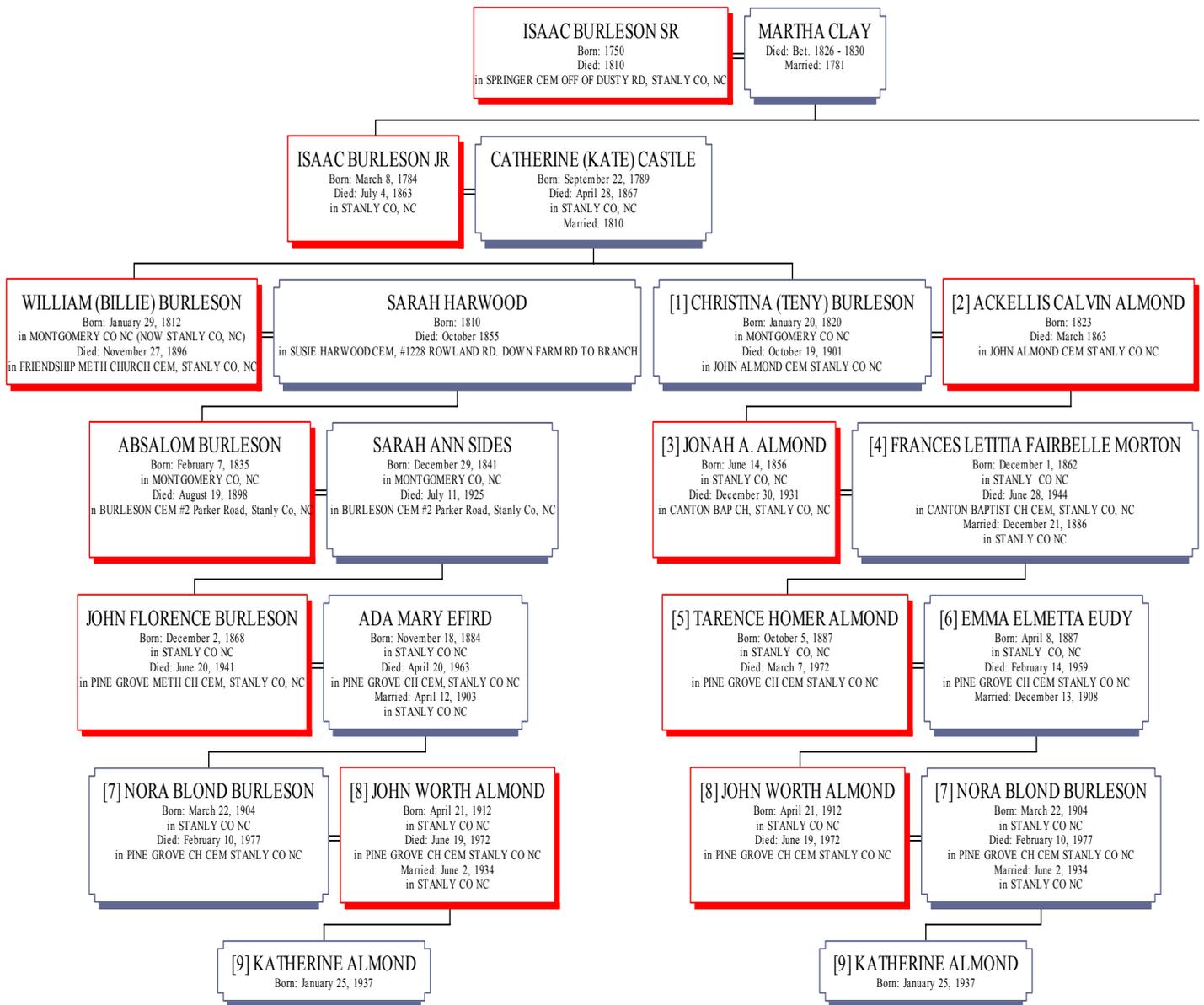
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Nora taught 5 years, all grades – in a one-room school, Bloomington, on Austin Road, off of Canton Road, Stanly County NC. This information was submitted by Katherine Talbert and she thinks her mother's kind, inspiring manner was a great asset for her. She was a graduate of Albemarle High School because as she told me—"it was the only school that had 12 grades at the time". She had a two year-degree from UNC-G and some time at Catawba College in Salisbury. She also wrote two historical poems which were published by Catawba College.

Nora Burleson Almond



Direct Descendants of ISAAC BURLESON SR



Descendants of NORA BLOND⁸ BURLESON (*JOHN FLORENCE⁷, ABSALOM⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹*) was born March 22, 1904 in STANLY CO NC, and died February 10, 1977 in PINE GROVE CH CEM STANLY CO NC. She married JOHN WORTH ALMOND June 2, 1934 in STANLY CO NC, son of TORRENCE ALMOND and EMMA EUDY. He was born April 21, 1912 in STANLY CO NC, and died June 19, 1972 in PINE GROVE CH CEM STANLY CO NC.

Children of NORA BURLESON and WORTH ALMOND are:

2. i. LARRY DOUGLAS⁹ ALMOND, b. June 3, 1935, STANLY CO NC.
3. ii. KATHERINE ALMOND, b. January 25, 1937.
4. iii. LYNN ALMOND, b. March 10, 1939, STANLY CO NC; d. April 6, 1983, PINE GROVE CH CEM STANLY CO NC
5. iv. NANCY LEE ALMOND, b. April 2, 1942.

Generation No. 2

2. LARRY DOUGLAS⁹ ALMOND (*NORA BLOND⁸ BURLESON, JOHN FLORENCE⁷, ABSALOM⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹*) was born June 3, 1935 in STANLY CO NC. He married DON SAIN FARABEE November 30, 1957. She was born January 23, 1936.

Children of LARRY ALMOND and SAIN FARABEE are:

- i. TARA SUSAN¹⁰ ALMOND, b. February 12, 1960.
6. ii. LISA SAIN ALMOND, b. January 26, 1961.
7. iii. ANNE DOUGLAS ALMOND, b. August 2, 1962.
8. iv. LARRY DOUGAS ALMOND JR, b. November 27, 1966.

3. KATHERINE⁹ ALMOND (*NORA BLOND⁸ BURLESON, JOHN FLORENCE⁷, ABSALOM⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹*) was born January 25, 1937. She married LARRY MELVIN TALBERT June 20, 1959. He was born March 12, 1936. Children of KATHERINE ALMOND and LARRY TALBERT are:

- i. STUART GREGORY¹⁰ TALBERT, b. June 14, 1962.
9. ii. JOHN LAWRENCE TALBERT, b. August 14, 1964.

4. LYNN⁹ ALMOND (*NORA BLOND⁸ BURLESON, JOHN FLORENCE⁷, ABSALOM⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹*) was born March 10, 1939 in STANLY CO NC, and died April 6, 1983, PINE GROVE CH CEM STANLY CO NC. She married JACOB MALHON SMITH November 25, 1965. He was born July 5, 1936.

Child of LYNN ALMOND and JACOB SMITH is:

- i. DAVID STEPHEN¹⁰ SMITH, b. May 9, 1968.

5. NANCY LEE⁹ ALMOND (*NORA BLOND⁸ BURLESON, JOHN FLORENCE⁷, ABSALOM⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹*) was born April 2, 1942. She married (1) RONALD WILLIAM SMITH November 4, 1962. He was born August 11, 1942. She married (2) GLEN DALE BURLESON May 31, 1987, son of HARVEY BURLESON and LETHA HINSON. He was born January 21, 1933. Child of NANCY ALMOND and RONALD SMITH is:

- i. BRIAN WILLIAM¹⁰ SMITH, b. September 30, 1970; m. HEATHER BROERING, October 7, 2000.

Generation No. 3

6. LISA SAIN¹⁰ ALMOND (*LARRY DOUGLAS⁹, NORA BLOND⁸ BURLESON, JOHN FLORENCE⁷, ABSALOM⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹*) was born January 26, 1961. She married JOSEPH DIXON THORNDYKE November 15, 1986. He was born December 10, 1960.

Children of LISA ALMOND and JOSEPH THORNDYKE are:

- i. LAURAN SAIN¹¹ THORNDYKE, b. September 22, 1988.
- ii. ANDREW SCOTT THORNDYKE, b. March 4, 1990.
- iii. DOUGLAS REED THORNDYKE, b. December 21, 1994.

7. ANNE DOUGLAS¹⁰ ALMOND (*LARRY DOUGLAS⁹, NORA BLOND⁸ BURLESON, JOHN FLORENCE⁷, ABSALOM⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹*) was born August 2, 1962. She married WATSON RAYMOND TOMLINSON August 25, 1984. He was born March 12, 1959. Children of ANNE ALMOND and WATSON TOMLINSON are:

- i. WATSON RAYMOND¹¹ TOMLINSON, b. August 21, 1990.
- ii. CAMERON ANNE TOMLINSON, b. October 19, 1992.

8. LARRY DOUGAS ALMOND¹⁰ JR (*LARRY DOUGLAS⁹ ALMOND, NORA BLOND⁸ BURLESON, JOHN FLORENCE⁷, ABSALOM⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹*) was born November 27, 1966. He married (1) DEBORAH BEATY December 28, 1985. She was born June 19, 1961. He married (2) LISA 1992.

Child of LARRY JR and DEBORAH BEATY is:

- i. UKE FARABEE¹¹ ALMOND, b. September 16, 1986.

Child of LARRY JR and LISA is:

- ii. MARY ELIZABETH¹¹ ALMOND, b. January 4, 1994.

9. JOHN LAWRENCE¹⁰ TALBERT (*KATHERINE⁹ ALMOND, NORA BLOND⁸ BURLESON, JOHN FLORENCE⁷, ABSALOM⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹*) was born August 14, 1964. He married CHERYL BURR August 20, 1989. She was born December 11, 1969.

Children of JOHN TALBERT and CHERYL BURR are:

- i. MATTHEW RYAN¹¹ TALBERT, b. February 25, 1992.
- ii. JARED ALAN TALBERT, b. April 2, 1994.
- iii. JOHN WORTH TALBERT, b. April 21, 1998.
- iv. GRAHAM ASHE TALBERT, b. December 17, 1999.



She was born Nora Blond Burleson on March 22, 1904 to John F. and Ada Efird Burleson. She was the oldest of 10 children; only 8 lived to become adults as two died within 3 months of birth. She was married to J. Worth Almond and they had 4 children, two of which were teachers. Katherine and Lynn followed in their mother's path into the classroom. Two other children, Larry and Nancy, entered the business world as their father had done.

Nora was educated at the Burleson School. Her home environment was a great influence on her as her father had done some teaching and later he led her to follow in the teaching profession. She attended and graduated from the Burleson School. However, she wanted to attend college. So, at the urging of her father, it was decided that she would go to Albemarle and attend the 12th grade at Albemarle High School. At this time, it was the only school in the county that had 12 grades.

Later, she attended UNC-G for 2 sessions or years. She returned each year to teach at Bloomington. She did some summer work at Catawba College. While taking a writing or history class, she wrote 2 historical poems which were published by the college. From reading school information at the local library, it was stated that if a person could read and write he or she could

become a teacher. So, at this time I am sure that my mother must have been a delight for the system to have a teacher with some college background.

Bloomington School came about as a result of parents' concern about their children having to travel so far to school. It was in this area of the county that Bloomington happened to be "booming township". The Endy Township had not been set up at this time. Here, there was a post office, telephone exchange, cotton gin, corn mill, and other business interests. It was a "social area" for the western part of the county.

Furr had been the closest school for the area and it is the one that split into the schools known as Bloomington and Endy. My mother taught at Bloomington. She taught all grades. My conversation with her before her death was that it was a 1 room school, had a wood stove for heat, no bathrooms or inside water. She said, "some of the older boys would help her with the fire-bringing wood inside." I'm not sure how long she taught or how long the school was in existence. Recently, I spoke with Mrs Blye Lowder, a descendant of Ralph Burleson, and neither was sure how long my mother taught there. The school term was 6 months before 1937. Teachers were paid \$10 TO \$30 dollars for 30 days. Today, the salary is still based on 30 days. Fortunately, the pay is better! I had a conversation with one of her students, Jody Russell now deceased, and at the time he said, "she was a wonderful, kind person and a gifted teacher.

It would be delightful to talk with any descendants of her students in order to learn more about this time in her life and her career. It is evident that my love for teaching profession came from being my mother's daughter.

We want to thank Katherine Almond Talbert for this great tribute to her mother.

Teachers Certificate For Nora Blond Burleson Almond

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
RALEIGH

SERIAL No. 95946 WHITE RACE



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NORA BLOND BURLESON

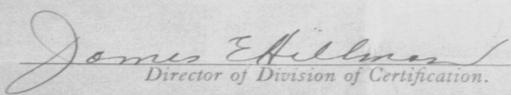
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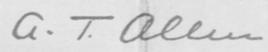
Elementary Teacher's Certificate
CLASS A

and, when this certificate is countersigned and approved by the appropriate superintendent is duly authorized by the State Board of Education to teach in the Public Elementary Schools of North Carolina for a period of FIVE YEARS from date.

Given under our hands in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education, as of this the first day of July, nineteen hundred and TWENTY SEVEN.

Not valid unless signed by the Director and sealed with the seal of the State Board of Education.


Director of Division of Certification.


State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

While at Catawba College Nora wrote two historical poems
and they were published by the College.

Historical North Carolina

At Moore's Creek Bridge the Scotch came down
To find the logs so bare and round
The Whigs had removed all the planks
Leaving the logs slippery from bank to bank

Across the logs the Highlander pressed
Their hearts were throbbing in the breasts
The Whig rifles cracked round them left and right
And the King's men were all put to flight
The Rebel farmers of Mecklenburg met
A better government they wished to beget
They declared that they would be free
From Old Mother England forever to be

When to Charlotte Cornwallis came
He thought for himself some fame to gain
But he could find no peaceful rest
For he was in the midst of "a hornet's nest"
The women of Edenton would serve no tea
They used instead some leaves from a tree
Until England her power would relax
And from the Colonies remove the tax

Like demons on King's Mountain the Mountaineers fought
And great havoc they themselves wrought
Camped on King's Mountain in their den

Guilford Battleground is an interesting place
That ended in the Revolution a famous race
Cornwallis, the victory for himself did claim
But such victories as this, made the British Army lame!

Nora B. Almond

1928

The Farmer

God bless the farmer, a tiller of the soil
Whose life is filled each day with pleasure, care and toil
His work begins before the break of day
First the care of his beasts with water and hay

Breakfast, he and his family partakes
Thanking God, begs for forgiveness of mistakes
Then to work in the fields of green growing grain
To make a good, harvest with care and God's rain
As the summer sun sinks low in the West
The farmer returns home to Supper and rest
Weary but happy from a hard day's work
Cheerfully doing his chores he does not shirk
He lies down to rest no weary thoughts to ban
His honest soul is at rest and peace
With God and man

Nora B. Almond
1928